



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Meeting Minutes

## Special Meeting

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

*Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Kenneth  
Dunkin, Commissioner Martin J. Durkan, Vice-President  
Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita,  
Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele,  
Commissioner David J. Walsh, President Board of  
Commissioners Mariyana T. Spyropoulos*

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Thursday, November 1, 2018

1:00 PM

Board Room

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### DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

#### Call Meeting to Order

Kari K. Steele, Chairman for the Committee on Budget and Employment, called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Frank Avila; Kenneth Dunkin; Martin J. Durkan; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; David J. Walsh; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 2 - Barbara J. McGowan; and Josina Morita

#### Public Comment

*Mike Archey, GTM Strategies, addressed the Board regarding biogas*

#### Clerk to Read Call of the Meeting

- 1    [18-1152](#)    To the Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the direction of President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos and presiding Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Employment, Kari K. Steele, a Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The purpose of this meeting is to present and accept the 2019 Executive Director's Budget Recommendations and related changes.

The Executive Director's Budget Recommendations is available for review on the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org) <<http://www.mwrd.org>>.

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk

**Attachments:** [2019 Budget Executive Director Presentation.pdf](#)  
[2019 Budget Presentation Department Slides.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Kenneth Dunkin, that this Report be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

- 2    [18-1138](#)    Authority to Accept the Executive Director's 2019 Budget Recommendations and the Attached Changes

**Attachments:** [BF-19 Consolidated Packet.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Kenneth Dunkin, that this Agenda Item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Frank Avila; Kenneth Dunkin; Martin J. Durkan; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; David J. Walsh

**Absent:** 3 - Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Open Discussion

*John P. Murray, Acting Executive Director, presented the 2019 Budget Recommendations*

## Summary of Requests

### *Acting Executive Director*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the current spending on overtime and severance year to date, as well as what is included

### *Maintenance and Operations*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos questioned if the amount budgeted for methane gas detection should be increased
2. Debra Shore requested if resources are in the budget to address cyber security for the District's industrial control systems
3. Debra Shore requested the details for the increased cost of solids utilization
4. Debra Shore requested information on the increase in wastewater collection at Kirie and Hanover Park and if attributable to I/I

### *Engineering*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos questioned the increase in budget for court reporter costs and safety repairs when 2017 actual expenditures were \$13,000 and \$0, respectfully
2. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the list of projects included in the \$6 million change order for carry over contracts

### *Stormwater*

1. Debra Shore questioned the maintenance of the space to grow projects and also recommended that installations of over 3 years be reviewed by the District for proper maintenance
2. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the number of rain barrels that will be purchased with the \$50,000 budget allocation

### *Monitoring and Research*

1. Frank Avila recommended that M & R staff attend more international workshops

### *General Administration*

1. Debra Shore requested the Board consider including hazardous waste pick up in the budget. Kari K. Steele suggested the District partner with the State of Illinois and Frank Avila suggested the District educate the community about hazardous waste

### *Information Technology*

1. Debra Shore suggested the District consider adding a Chief Information Security Officer
2. Frank Avila suggested adding CISCO certification as a requirement for new IT employees

### *Human Resources*

1. Debra Shore requested more information on the Table Top Exercise that was done as part of the emergency action plan
2. Frank Avila requested adding more internship opportunities to the budget

## Adjournment

The Special Meeting of November 1, 2018 was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.  
/s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

**APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this November 1, 2018, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos  
President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

November 1, 2018